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(a1 cont) Add new claim 37 as follows:

- 1 37. The transluminal arrangement of claim 32,
2 characterized in that said spring assembly comprises at
3 least four barbs at a distal end of said spring assembly.

Add new claim 38 as follows:

- 1 38. The transluminal arrangement of claim 32,
2 characterized in that one end of said graft is sealed (80)
3 to prevent flow of blood through the lumen.

Remarks

In the Office action of August 24, 1992, Paper No. 6, claims 1-23 are pending and subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In particular, the Examiner noted the following three inventions:

I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a device and method for grafting a prosthesis to the wall of a lumen, classified in Class 623, subclass 1.

II. Claim 21, drawn to an occlusive umbrella, classified in Class 606, subclass 158.

III. Claims 22-23, drawn to a spring alignment and compression resistance assembly, classified in Class 606, subclass 153.

Applicant elected claims 1-20, cited by the Examiner as invention I. By this amendment, applicant cancels claims 21-23 without prejudice and reserves the right to file these claims in divisional applications.

By this amendment, applicant also cancels claims 3, 4, 6-8, 12, 13, 18, and 19, and adds new claims 24-38 to more fully claim applicant's invention consistent with claims 1-20, previously cited by the Examiner as being drawn to a device and method for grafting a prosthesis to the wall of a lumen.

The entry of this preliminary amendment and the examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Although the foregoing is believed to be dispositive of the issues in this case, if the Examiner deems that a

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telephone interview would further advance the prosecution thereof, she is invited to call the applicants' attorney.

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